THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : The Government have seen the article in question which appeared under the caption 'Murkier Aspects of Doordarshan'. It contains generalised allegations without being supported by any specifics. It is not, therefore, possible to take any concrete action in the matter. Nevertheless, the Government have decided to remove all possible sources of malpractices by effecting procedural changes.

Killings in Punjab and Kashmir

1103. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of persons who have been looted and killed by terriorists in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir during the last three months ;

(b) what steps Government have taken to protect people of Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir ; and

(c) what arrangements have been made to provide ration articles such as wheat, rice, vegetable and dals, sugar and edible oils to the people of Kashmir where curfew has been imposed and people of the State are not able to come out for their work?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED) : (a) According to information available the number of persons who have lost their lives during the relevant period is as follows :—

	No. of Persons killed in		
	Dec. 89	Jan. 90	Feb. 90
Punjab	121	126	95
J & K	18	78	54

Information about the number of persons looted during the period is being collected.

(b) The State Governments have taken appropriate security measures. Central assistance by way of deployment of para-military forces have also been extended as and when required.

(c) Details in this regard are being collected.

12-00 NOON

Felicitations to Namibia on its independence

MR. CHAIRMAN : As Members are aware, freedom has dawned on Nambia early this morning. India has always stood behind and supported the cause of Namibian people's struggle for freedom. On behalf of the entire House and on my own behalf I extend greetings and good wishes to the people of Namibia who have achieved their independence after decades of struggle. This is also a fulfilment of the pledge taken by the framers of our Constitution at the time we became free where it was said that freedom was indivisible. Namibia is a diamond-rich country and we in this House as also the entire nation have no doubt that like a diamond, Namibia also will join in the comity of free nations and make progress and contribute to promoting international goodwill, understanding and peace. It is heartening that India is represented in the glorious hour of Namibia's independence by the Prime Minister of our Government and it has also decided to establish full diplomatic relations with Namibia. I have no doubt that our close and friendly ties with Namibia will get added strength with the passage of time. I would be failing in my duty if I